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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make this new application, which has not received any examination by the Examiner, special as permitted under 37 CRF § 102(c). The grounds and conditions for granting this application special status are found in M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV entitled "Applicant's Age". One duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Mr. Michael O. Rabin, one of the Applicants, is 70 years old. A copy of the relevant pages of Mr. Rabin's passport are enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that this Petition to Make Special be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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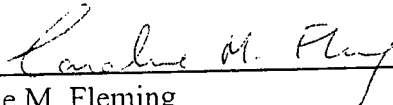
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